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## **Hopi Chairman congratulates Navajo Nation President-elect, Vice-President-elect, incoming Council**

**KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz.** – Hopi Tribal Chairman LeRoy N. Shingoitewa congratulates Navajo Nation President-elect Ben Shelly, Vice President-elect Rex Lee Jim and the incoming 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council.

Chairman Shingoitewa hopes to continue work with the Navajo Nation on crucial issues involving the Navajo Hopi Land Dispute, for the protection of sacred sites, for the preservation and revitalization of indigenous languages and cultures, future negotiations for natural resources, for the protection and negotiation of water rights and for a concerted effort to clean up and prevent uranium contamination – such as the site near Tuba City negatively affecting the villages of Upper and Lower Moenkopi.

“We have many things to work on and it will take cooperation from both tribes to find resolution to the many problems and obstacles we are experiencing in northern Arizona,” Shingoitewa said. “We will need to work together and I look forward to working with the new Administration – congratulations on your election.”

Inauguration for the Navajo Nation is scheduled on Jan. 11.

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